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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being triple bracketed and added text being underlined):

In some embodiments of the invention, the component 16 when installed may partially extend into or through the opening 20 (see FIG. 3), and in other embodiments, the component 16 is substantially completely positioned in the interior 14 of the case 12, with a portion of the component [[[20]]] 16, such as the front face or bezel of the component, being positioned adjacent to the opening 20 (see FIG. 4). However, it will be recognized that other parts or portions of the housing 28 of the component 16 may be exposed on the exterior 18 of the case 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being triple bracketed and added text being underlined):

In greater detail, the string [[[20]]] 40 may include a longitudinal element 42 extending a length of the string [[[20]]] 40, and a plurality of conductive filaments 44 that are mounted on the longitudinal element 42 and extend transversely with respect to the longitudinal length of the string. The conductive filaments 44 are thus able to form a conductive path between the case 12 adjacent to a portion of the perimeter 22 of the opening 20 and the housing 28 of the component 16 when the ends of the filaments 44 touch or contact both the case 12 at the opening 20 and the housing 28 of the component 16, which in many cases is also shielded.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being triple bracketed and added text being underlined):

In some embodiments of the string [[[20]]] 40, the longitudinal element 42 may be conductive, so that both the longitudinal element 42 and the filaments 44 are both conductive. In such embodiment, the longitudinal element 42 may optionally comprise two or more twisted conductive fibers such as copper or other conductive metal conducive to twisting. In other embodiments of the string 40, the longitudinal element 42 may be non-conductive while the filaments 44 transversely mounted on the longitudinal element 42 are conductive. In some embodiments, at least a portion of the longitudinal element 42 may be elastic.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

In one embodiment, I/O bridge 422 is a chip that provides connection and control to one or more independent IDE or SCSI connectors 424-425, to a USB (Universal Serial Bus) port 426, and to ISA (Industry Standard Architecture) bus 430. In this embodiment, IDE connector 424 provides connectivity for up to two standard IDE-type devices such as hard disk drives, CDROM (Compact Disk-Read-Only Memory) drives, DVD (Digital Video Disk) drives, videocassette recorders, or TBU (Tape-Backup Unit) devices. Such devices are either installed at manufacturing time, or may be installed by a user by removal of a panel. The devices are may be supported by cage like structure as shown in Figure 1 at 115, which is insertable into the computer system, or may be directly supported by similar cage like supports built directly into the computer housing.